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SUBJ: NIDA DIRECTOR AVAILABLE FOR SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS BEFORE
U.S. BUSINESS GROUPS NOVEMBER 9-14 IN CALIFORNIA

1. THOMAS ALLEN, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INVESTMENT AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NIDA) WILL TAKE PART IN BUSINESS SEMINAR AT UCLA'S GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS MANAGEMENT NOVEMBER 7-8. ALLEN INFORMED EMBASSY HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN EXTENDING VISIT THROUGH NOVEMBER 14 IF THERE WERE EITHER BUSINESS GROUPS OR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN LOS ANGELES/SAN FRANCISCO AREA INTERESTED IN DISCUSSING INVESTMENT CLIMATE AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA.

2. ALLEN RECENTLY COMPLETED OFFICIAL VISITS TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AND PLANS A TRIP TO EUROPE LATER NEXT YEAR TO PROVIDE FOREIGN BUSINESSMEN WITH INFORMATION REGARDING PNGM HE IS EXTREMELY KNOWLEDGEABLE AND ARTICULATE SPEAKER WHO PULLS NO PUNCHES ON GPNG INVESTMENT POLICIES.

3. EMBASSY BELIEVES ALLEN COULD BE USEFULLY PROGRAMMED TO SPEAK BEFORE AMCHAMS HAVING MEMBERSHIPS LARGELY CONCERNED WITH PACIFIC AREA TRADE OR SPECIAL INVESTMENT INTEREST IN PNG. USDOC AND STATE MAY HAVE INFO RE OTHER GROUPS. GIVEN SIGNIFICANT PNG INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND DESIRE OF GPNG FOR BOTH INCREASED U.S. INVESTMENT AND TRADE, EMBASSY BELIEVES USG SHOULD MAKE SPECIAL EFFORT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ALLEN'S VISIT TO INFORM WEST COAST BUSINESSMEN OF COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

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